TABLE 3.—2002 ACCEPTABLE BIOLOGICAL CATCH (ABC), TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH (TAC), INITIAL TAC (ITAC), CDQ RESERVE ALLOCATION, AND OVERFISHING LEVELS OF GROUNDFISH IN THE BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA (BSAI) 1

[All amounts are in metric tons]

Species	Area	Overfishing level	ABC	TAC	ITAC <sup>2</sup>	CDQ re- serve <sup>3</sup>
Pollock <sup>4</sup>	Bering Sea (BS)	3,530,000	2,110,000	1,485,000	1,283,040	148,500
	Aleutian Islands (AI)	31,700	23,800	1,000	900	100
	Bogoslof District	46,400	4,310	100	90	10
Pacific cod	BSAI	294,000	223,000	200,000	170,000	15,000
Sablefish 5	BS	2,900	1,930	1,930	821	265
	AI	3,850	2,550	2,550	541	431
Atka mackerel	BSAI	82,300	49,000	49,000	41,650	3,675
	Western AI		19,700	19,700	16,745	1,478
	Central AI		23,800	23,800	20,230	1,785
	Eastern AI/BS		5,500	5,500	4,675	413
Yellowfin sole	BSAI	136,000	115,000	86,000	73,100	6,450
Rock sole	BSAI	268,000	225,000	54,000	45,900	4,050
Greenland turbot	BSAI	36,500	8,100	8,000	6,800	600
	BS		5,427	5,360	4,556	402
	AI		2,673	2,640	2,244	198
Arrowtooth flounder	BSAI	137,000	113,000	16,000	13,600	1,200
Flathead sole	BSAI	101,000	82,600	25,000	21,250	1,875
Other flatfish 6	BSAI	21,800	18,100	3,000	2,550	225
Alaska plaice	BSAI	172,000	143,000	12,000	10,200	900
Pacific ocean perch	BSAI	17,500	14,800	14,800	12,580	1,111
	BS		2,620	2,620	2,227	197
	Al Total		12,180	12,180	10,353	914
	Western AI		5,660	5,660	4,811	425
	Central AI		3,060	3,060	2,601	230
	Eastern AI		3,460	3,460	2,941	260
Northern rockfish 7	BSAI	9,020	6,760	6,760	5,746	
	BS			19	16	(7)
	AI			6,741	5,730	506
Shortraker/Rougheye 7	BSAI	1,369	1,028	1,028	874	
	BS			116	99	(7)
	AI			912	775	68
Other rockfish 8	BS	482	361	361	307	27
	AI	901	676	676	575	51
Squid	BSAI	2,620	1,970	1,970	1,675	
Other species 9	BSAI	78,900	39,100	30,825	26,201	2,312
Total		4,974,242	3,184,085	2,000,000	1,717,399	187,504

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amounts are in metric tons. These amounts apply to the entire Bering Sea (BS) and Aleutian Islands (AI) management area unless otherwise specified. With the exception of pollock, and for the purpose of these specifications, the Bering Sea subarea includes the Bogoslof District.

<sup>2</sup> Except for pollock, squid, and the portion of the sablefish TAC allocated to hook-and-line or pot gear, 15 percent of each TAC is put into a re-

area. The remainder is further allocated by sector as follows: inshore, 50 percent; catcher/processor, 40 percent; and motherships, 10 percent. NMFS, under regulations at §679.24(b)(4), prohibits nonpelagic trawl gear to engage in directed fishing for non-CDQ pollock in the BSAI.

The ITAC for sablefish reflected in Table 3 is for trawl gear only. Regulations at §679.20(b)(1) do not provide for the establishment of an ITAC for the hook-and-line or pot gear allocation for sablefish. Twenty percent of the sablefish TAC allocated to hook-and-line gear or pot gear and 7.5 percent of the sablefish TAC allocated to trawl gear is reserved for use by CDQ participants (see §679.31(c)).

6 "Other flatfish" includes all flatfish species, except for Pacific halibut (a prohibited species), flathead sole, Greenland turbot, rock sole, yellowfin sole, arrowtooth flounder, and Alaska Plaice.

<sup>7</sup>The CDQ reserves for shortraker, rougheye, and northern rockfish will continue to be managed as the "other red rockfish" complex for the BS. For 2002 the CDQ reserve for the "other red rockfish" complex is 10 mt.

<sup>8</sup> "Other rockfish" includes all Sebastes and Sebastolobus species except for Pacific ocean perch, northern, shortraker, and rougheye rockfish. <sup>9</sup> "Other species" includes sculpins, sharks, skates and octopus. Forage fish, as defined at § 679.2, are not included in the "other species"

category.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Except for pollock, squind, and the portion of the Sableish TAC after the subtraction of the reserve.

<sup>3</sup> Except for pollock and the hook-and-line or pot gear allocation of sablefish, one half of the amount of the TACs placed in reserve, or 7.5 percent of the TACs, is designated as a CDQ reserve for use by CDQ participants (see § 679.31).

<sup>4</sup> The American Fisheries Act (AFA) requires that 10 percent of the annual pollock TAC be allocated as a directed fishing allowance for the CDQ sector. NMFS then subtracts 4 percent of the remainder as an incidental catch allowance of pollock, which is not apportioned by season or